

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A sideloading elevator mounted to a bed of a trailer body is movable between a non-use, retracted configuration, wherein the elevator is stowed beneath the trailer in an upraised position, and an extended use configuration, wherein the elevator is movable between an elevated position laterally adjacent the trailer and a lowered position on the ground. A carriage attached to a lower portion of the trailer's bed is movable by a first hydraulic cylinder between retracted and extended positions. A support platform connected to the transport mechanism by pivoting linkage is movable by a second hydraulic cylinder between the elevated and lowered positions. Chains attached to the trailer body and to the support platform maintain the elevator in the upraised, retracted configuration for trailer transport. The pivoting linkage includes four parallel, angled links each having first and second opposed ends respectively connected in a pivoting manner to the carriage and platform.

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